

Middlesex Club Board Minutes – (Zoom Call) October 7, 2020

Directors attending (15): Sean McCarthy; Lisa Cruikshank; Gerrit Veeder; Kim Adams; Kim O'Brien; Rob Steeves; Lindsay Warnke; Sallie Schmidt; Thomas Cerussi; Alison Firgeleski; Meghan Muldoon; Courtney Darby; Rosemary Jordan; Jay Baum; Justin Byczek; Katie Briggs

Directors Not Attending (0)

General Counsel: Andrew Reardon in attendance

Management: Tad Keating in attendance

Minutes: Approved the September 9, 2020

Presidents Notes:

- Asked if there were any changes to minutes and motion was made and accepted minutes.
- Looking forward to moving into the Fall and Winter paddle season.
- Thanks for attending the additional board meeting regarding paddle guests. Not much feedback either positive or negative.

Treasurer's Report:

- Sent update report out via email
- If any expenses still out there please get them in
- If you have given receipts and haven't been reimbursed let Lisa know.
- Focus is on insurance renewal

Manager's Report:

- Courts closing October 19
- DO NOT ENTER sign posted per neighbor request.
- What do we do with leftover furniture? It was decided to dispose of it and renting a garbage bin.

Legal Council: Nothing to report at this time.

Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning Committee

- Tabled our discussions for obvious reasons and are ready to look back at the survey and refocus and revisit what needs to be done.
- Capital needs to be raised and looking for outside help. Send any names of people that have done capital improvement or capital fundraising.

House and Grounds

- Putnam is taking down screens and nets October 19.
- Neighbors/Members asked about replacing the Do Not Enter sign at the MSX exit. Tad ordered it and it will be up soon.
- Tad cleaned the area behind the dumpster/Shed so that all looks good from paddle court 4.

- Members commented on how pretty the mums look.
- Members asked about court 3 getting resurfaced and happy to hear Jay is handling it.
- Members asked what is happening with the logs behind the courts and Tad will look into this.
- Bathrooms are typically cleaned Monday and Friday but looking to increase during paddle season. Will come up with a bathroom proposal.
- Kristin Reardon said she spoke to Sean about using a few (old) umbrellas with the tables so there will be some cover for Claire/members during the matches.
- Getting rid of the old furniture that no one took.
- Planning a time to walk around the club to make a list of necessary repairs in the off-season.

IT/Communications

- Spoke with CMIT about IT priorities for the next year and how to best align them with our needs and timeframes. Working out some timeframes and pricing now, so that we can begin implementing work now instead of after the first of the year. Items currently on the list (in no particular order): Cloud storage, Office 365 emails for Board/employees, Updating Wifi Network, Possible POS replacement (not TOAST) etc.
- Spoke with Authentic Athlete late last week about upgrading all our current apparel. We have an opportunity to create online stores which will be open during different times of year for members to purchase MSX branded items. This will also allow us to have continuity with the swag and team apparel across the club. One throat to choke as it were. They've already done some basic work on our approved logos to make them ready for use and would be interested in starting an online store for winter/paddle clothing as a test.
- Updated MSX database with all new October members and sent along the "Welcome to MSX" emails at the beginning of the month.
- All platforms (e.g. TOAST) should be now closed or almost done.
- Surveys are out and will be sending the first iteration of info to the appropriate chairs this Friday. A reminder note is also going out next Monday that all surveys will be closed by 10/14. So, if you haven't taken a survey yet...get to it.

Membership

- Current waitlist 46
- Within the 30 day wait period: 6
- Total waitlist: 52

Tennis

- Men's Program: We are officially in the offseason for the Men's Tennis Program. The last Wednesday Men's Match Play occurred on September 30th with six participants. Throughout the season, we had more than 50 men participate in the program. Despite Covid-19, we had a very robust Men's program. We are currently evaluating the program in an effort to build upon our successes for next season.
- We had an active tennis season with 130 junior team participants as well as 54 full-time and 8 part-time ladies team members. We were fortunate to participate in the Inter-club league and many players remarked how happy they were to be playing tennis.
- The tennis director and staff worked tirelessly to make sure everyone was being safe. We look forward to the survey results and to doing a walk-through with buildings & grounds to assess necessary repairs in the off-season.

Aquatics

- Aquatics survey was recently sent on 10/2/20. Awaiting results.
- Third Co-Chair is confirmed as Jodie Scozzafava.
- The schedule is already set for next season and we will begin making updates to the website and Team Unify with the new information over the next few months.
- Would like to nominate Beatrice Repking for the Board as the 2nd Aquatics chair.

Camp

- Looking to groom Jess and give her more responsibility and hoping next summer Sarah can train Jess.

Paddle

- Reilly Mountain is coming today to power wash courts 3 and 4. This was last minute so I had to shuffle around some reservations but it worked out fine. They are coming Friday to patch Court 3 and I blocked it out. I also asked them to look at a dead board on court 2.
- Demand is still crazy. Saturday clinics (8:30-10 and 10-11:30) this week booked in first hour it was open on Tuesday for 32 spots with 5 currently on waitlist. Thursday scrambles filled the 32 spots from 7-10, people grabbed 5:30 courts that were open for another 16, and we still have over 20 on the waitlist. Courts are generally all booked up at night.
- I have been emailing people with reservations that don't have all the names in it to fix or remove.

- Thursday scrambles have been great. Tad has been bringing the keg out on the back patio and we have been ordering pizza and wings and leaving it on the back patio tables.
- I did not personally get any feedback on the guest policy email. Meghan said she got positive feedback from the Women but I am surprised no feedback on the Men's side (positive or negative) with the no guests Sunday-Thursday at night. I guess no feedback is better than negative feedback right now!
- Working on the Mens MG for Saturday 11/21. We have secured Woodways courts and waiting on CCD and WB. We have blocked some courts for WW for their MG's. Women are working on their date. They want a Friday morning but Claire can't do Fridays, so they are discussing.

Social

- A few people have approached Social about having a Middlesex Trunk or Treat for Halloween. I would love to discuss if this makes sense and if anyone is interested if trick or treating doesn't happen in town.

Safety Committee

- Nothing at this time

General Information:

Unfinished Business- None

New Business-None

Executive Session

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 11, 2020